

GASSED HERO DESERTS FLAME

**Coke Turns Out Quite Seriously.
Mock Marriage Causes
Heartburns.**

MANICURIST AND SERGEANT

**Canadian Takes Widow to Hotel
and Registers as Man and
Wife—All Sorry.**

Sergt. Maj. J. Armstrong Young, late of the Canadian army, and Mrs. Mary Story, formerly manicurist in the Hotel Patten barber shop, will testify that marriage is a serious thing, but that a near-marriage is more so, for the reason they have tried them both. Sergt. Maj. Young now lies at a local infirmary suffering from two bad gas attacks he received in France, and Mrs. Story is at the home of a friend suffering mentally from a recent experience. The romance, tragedy or comedy began when the dashing Canadian, who had so many times come out of the heat of the battle without a scar but who now seems to have met his Waterloo, first saw the handsome Mrs. Story in the hotel barber shop, where she manicured his nails. A mutual admiration sprang up and the two became friends and a supper and automobile ride was planned. In the meantime, Sergt. Young went to look up C. C. Abernathy, whom he had met some weeks previously on a train coming from New York. He told Mr. Abernathy of his engagement and the lawyer, told him he would take him out in his automobile which he did. After dining the sergeant, Mrs. Story and Mr. Abernathy attended the speaking of Gov. Tom C. Rye. Leaving the speaking the three stopped at Mr. Abernathy's office for a few minutes. While there several others came in after the speaking, among them reporters of both papers. They were told that the sergeant and Mrs. Story wanted to get married and seeing a good newspaper story one of the reporters offered to get the license. He was then told that it was a joke, but to get some one to imitate a preacher just for a little.

The Saturday night, before M. J. Horan had caused much merriment at the Elks club with a speaking tube with which he was playing deaf, some one said, "get Mr. Horan and his tube," he was telephoned for and told to come over and bring whoever was in the club. In a few minutes Mr. Horan came in bringing about forty Elks with him. He was introduced as Parson Johnson, a Holy-Roller preacher.

Mr. Horan then spent considerable time making the intended bride understand him and finally she said, "It looks like you could get something better than that deaf thing to perform the ceremony." "He looks more like a squiff," some one said, and another man said, "He must be a member of the county court, for they couldn't hear or see half that went on." Mr. Horan had an almanac in his hand and started to read the ceremony. "Asbes to abies," he began.

Mrs. Story said, "He is so deaf he thinks this is a funeral service." At this instant Mr. Horan then said, "Where is the license?" And everybody then laughed including Mrs. Story and it was told then it was all a joke and

everybody joined in. In a few minutes Mrs. Story said to Sergt. Young, "Let's go to Roseville and get married." Sergt. Young then said, "Why I am already married, we were just having some fun and I didn't think you were serious and I thought you were going to carry it so far and then stop." The two then left and proceeded to waive all rights of marriage, and going to the Patten registered as man and wife. The following morning they were discovered and, of course, ordered from the hotel. Mrs. Story then lost her position and asked the sergeant for enough money to go to her sister in Virginia, and he said he would gladly give it to her, but it seems he has delayed it until the anxious woman became desperate and told the story of what she calls a frame-up.

About forty or fifty Elks were present, among them Herman Gelsmer and Earl Wester and others. Mrs. Story knew almost the whole crowd of Elks present and all seemed to be friends and no one for a minute ever considered the affair any other than a joke. But Mrs. Story seemed to have thought she had been mistreated by the sergeant and Thursday night, at the solicitation of several city officials, told her story to the morning paper.

Parson Surprised.
M. J. Horan, when seen, said that he never was more surprised at anything and told the following, "I was at the Elks and some one called me and told me to get my trumpet and come over and have some fun. It was a trumpet we kept at the club to get rid of pests, book agents and hoodlums, who want to borrow money. I spent some time trying to make myself heard and then said, 'ashes to abies,' and the woman said, 'he's got the wrong page.' I then asked where the license was and some said we haven't got one and it was then told the thing was a joke and Mrs. Story laughed with us. Then said, 'let's go to Roseville and get married,' and the sergeant said, 'why I am married and thought you were on to the joke and were kidding us.' The couple then left and we all went home laughing about how much fun we had. I have this morning talked to many of the Elks, who were present, and they all said that if needed they would make statements that the whole thing was a joke and the woman was told so and that the sergeant said he was married."

"Sergeant Wester, who was present, said the whole thing was a joke and no one took it seriously and that positively no sign of a ceremony was performed. He said that, just before the couple left, Mrs. Story said, 'let's go to Lafayette and get a license,' which, of course, proved that she knew she had not been in the least imposed upon."

The consensus of opinion of those who are familiar with the adventure tends to blame the soldier for yielding to the weakness of the moment, and taking the woman to the hotel. Summarizing the situation they express the belief that though Mrs. Story must have known she was not married, that she must have trusted to a definite promise on the morning which would hide any shame publicity might bring. Sergt. Maj. Young takes the blame on himself and has from the first. He does not in the least blame the woman and said he intended, when his check arrived, to send her to her sister. He said, "The whole affair is deplorable and I shall do all in my power to right it, but it's human I guess to err. I have never gotten over my wounds I received in France and have only one lung and only half of the other one left. The physicians say I shall never be recovered from shell shock. I have toured the country against advice of physicians and have done all in my power to win this war. The records will show in places where Guy Empey has spoken, I have raised more money than he has. If the fuel administration still wants me I am willing, but if not, I shall accept my fate."

Sergt. Young is in a local infirmary, where his physicians say he is suffering from a nervous breakdown, caused by his wounds. He stated he frequently has these breakdowns.

Manager Cochran, of the hotel barber shop, gave Mrs. Story a good name and said that as far as he knew she was all right. He stated he had, of course, on account of the incident in the Patten hotel, let her go. Since then he has done everything he could for the woman and says he will continue to aid her. He blames Sergt. Young for not attempting to right the wrong that he had done Mrs. Story.

Manager John E. Lovell, of the Patten hotel, says he has volunteered to assist the woman and will do so. He said, of course, he ejected the couple as soon as he found out they had

registered as man and wife. Mrs. Story formerly worked at the Big Four Barber shop, and it was stated there this morning that one day she suddenly and without warning, left and was not seen for some time when she was heard from in Cincinnati. They knew nothing further than this. Mrs. Story maintains the position that she understood she was properly married at Mr. Abernathy's office, though she expected a more formal ceremony later.

FIFTY STRIKE AT LOCAL PLANT

**Employees Dissatisfied With the
Wage at Alton Park Chem-
ical Company.**

About fifty employees of the Chattanooga Chemical company in Alton Park are out on strike.

They left their jobs Thursday afternoon and on Friday morning held a meeting in Central Labor hall, at which the matter was taken up.

When the chemical company was called over the telephone it was stated that the men left because they were dissatisfied with the wage scale. It was also stated that the plant is operating the same as usual. The number of employees who are out was not given.

WHO WILL BE NEXT UNITED STATES MARSHAL?

**Politicians Here Believe "Plum"
Should Come Here—J. R.
Thompson Here.**

Hon. J. R. Thompson, United States Marshal for East Tennessee, is a visitor in Chattanooga. The term of office for which Marshal Thompson was appointed by the president expired on April 22, and so far as the city of Chattanooga is concerned, his successor has not been named. Marshal Thompson declined to discuss his appointment in any way, contenting himself with merely stating that he did not know what was in the minds of the powers that be nor why he had not been re-commissioned.

It is understood among local politicians that several well-known aspirants to this "juicy plum" are on the anxious seat, there being several prominent democrats in the thirty-four counties comprising the district who would like to see United States Marshal for the next four years. Just who will land the job is the question. It is considered one of the best, if not in fact the best, federal appointment which comes to the state. The salary is \$4,000 per annum, with all expenses while away from official headquarters and with the appointment of four office deputies, whose salaries range from \$1,200 to \$2,000 per annum, and six field deputies, whose salaries are from \$1,000 to \$1,100 per annum plus expenses.

Local politicians state that it is unusual for an appointment of a marshal for this district to be held up or deferred and point to the fact that former Marshal William A. Dunlap succeeded Marshal Austin M. Brown on the same day his term expired, and also that Marshal Thompson succeeded Marshal Crumbliss on the same day his term of office expired. There was a hold-over in the case of Marshal Dunlap, who was succeeded by Marshal Crumbliss, but this was due to the fact that the appointment of Marshal Dunlap to be collector of internal revenue for the district of Tennessee had been agreed upon and the transfer was not made until Collector Sharp was appointed as chief postoffice inspector for the United States.

Local politicians point to the fact that Chattanooga has, with the appointment of United States Attorney Kennerly, of Knoxville, to succeed former United States Attorney Lewis M. Coleman, lost all of the important federal patronage coming to this end of the state and that the federal judge, the United States attorney and assistant United States attorney, the clerk of the district court and the United States marshal are now all located in Knoxville. Chattanooga, therefore, are known to be making claims for the marshalship. The names of E. H. Williams and Harry Reed are heard in this connection.

Establishing Effective Fire System at Post

Oglethorpe will install an independent fire alarm system in the near future. Mr. Bush, agent for the Gamewell Fire Telegraph company, has just filed a bid with the construction quartermaster at Lytle for the erection of such a system. It will be entirely independent of the Chattanooga system, just as the Oglethorpe fire department is independent of the city firemen.

The Gamewell Fire Telegraph company is the standard maker of fire alarms used in nearly all the large cities. The fire department at Oglethorpe is divided into three stations—one at Civic Center, one at the post and one at Greenleaf.

Gas Company Must Run Pipe to House, Rules Court

Two cases were decided against the Chattanooga Gas company in the court of civil appeals at Knoxville Friday. The case of Carden vs. the Chattanooga Gas Company and that of R. M. Childress vs. the Chattanooga Gas Company were the two in which the decisions made by Chancellor Garvin against the company were affirmed. The case of Carden brought up the question of whether or not the company is compelled to lay gaspipes to a customer's house at its own expense, even if the distance is over the 120-foot limit. Childress' suit was for \$1,400 damages for injuries received when he fell into an excavation made by the gas company. It was night at the time and the place was claimed to be unprotected by red lights.

GAS COMPANY CONTRACTS TO SELL 29,000,000 FEET OF GAS HERE

**Manager Declares He is Correcting Wastage at Coke Plant as
Rapidly as Possible—Many Manufacturers Plan to
Equip Plants For Gas.**

Contracts for the sale of 29,620,000 cubic feet of gas per month have been closed by the Chattanooga Gas company with various local manufacturers, and many more contracts are in sight. In an interview this morning with S. E. DeFreese, manager of the company, he admitted that the published report of the bleeding of gas in Alton Park was quite true, saying:

"A quarter of a million feet of gas is going to waste every day, but this is unavoidable because it is impossible to equip numberless manufacturers with gas furnaces in three or four days. Each furnace requires a special design. With the great scarcity of labor more time is required just at this juncture than in less troublous times. It is about as difficult to get 'quick action' on gas furnaces as it is to get 'quick action' in canning the kaiser."

"At present this company has closed contracts with the following manufacturers for the installation of furnaces: 'Dixie Logging Tool company, entire plant equipped with gas."

"Fuller Auto and Wagon works, japanning department."

"Converse Bridge and Steel company, rivet heating department."

"Cahill Iron works, enamel melting furnace."

"Chattanooga Flow company, portion of forging department."

"Southern Machine works, manufacturing of shells and hot water system."

"Chattanooga Bottle and Glass Manufacturing company, annealing lehrs, melting tank."

"Lookout Refining company, boilers."

"The last two firms mentioned will consume 1,000,000 feet per day."

"The Southern Machine works has already installed its furnace and is now using 1,000,000 feet per month."

"Besides these finished contracts, we have one firm interested in our gas proposition which will use 9,000,000 feet per month, which is more than half the amount used by the entire city of Chattanooga at present."

"Besides these, we have half a dozen other manufacturers waiting for final plans."

"Certainly it is not the desire of the gas company to see gas bled into the air. The gas company, which is losing the money value of the gas, regrets it almost as sincerely as those who object to it from the purer motive of patriotism. But Rome was not built in a day, nor gas furnaces installed in a day and a half."

When Mr. DeFreese's attention was called to a published telegram sent to the fuel administration in Washington concerning the wastage of gas in Alton Park, he wrote Mr. Meyer the following letter, which sets the matter lucidly before the administrator:

"Our attention is called to an article in the Chattanooga Times this morning with reference to the use of by-product oven gas by the manufacturers and the distribution of same by this company. A telegram from Mr. T. Lynn is quoted as saying that there is no possibility of the manufacturers getting together here in reference to the use of the surplus gas available."

"This article is the first knowledge we have of your being in the city, and we exceedingly regret that prior to taking this matter up with Mr. Lynn you did not call on us and ascertain the facts. Notwithstanding the propaganda that has been waged against our company by a local newspaper and which is calculated to discourage the use of gas, we beg to advise that we have contracts on our books today for

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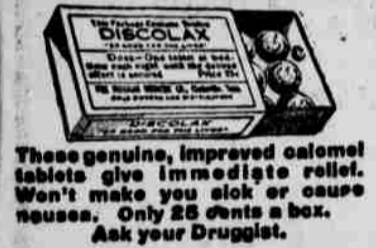
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